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In re Application of: Spies et al.

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55,00 OP REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants request an extension of time of one month to and including January 9, 2004 in which to file their response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the extension fee is \$55.00. A check is enclosed. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/FHCC:003USC1.

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